Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 31 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 01 Sep 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 30 Aug 2023 at 15:21 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high for the next few days, but some doubt about the northern extent of rain on Thursday and timing of rain spreading from the west on Sunday.

Headline for Thursday 31 Aug 2023: Clouding over after a bright start with some rain spreading northeast across the hills of Argyll later.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 31 Aug 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	00%	<05%	10%	20%	20%

Forecast for Thursday 31 Aug 2023

Weather: Dry overnight with some clear spells, chilly with perhaps a ground frost in some sheltered glens. Clouds increasing after a bright start to the day with patchy mainly light rain spreading northeast across Arran and Argyll during the afternoon, perhaps reaching Lochaber and the Arrochar alps during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%, becoming 40% later for the hills of Argyll.

Low Cloud and visibility: Mainly small amounts of cloud bases 700-900m, becoming scattered during the evening across the hills of Argyll. Very good visibilities, becoming moderate at times in the rain.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	6/8 SE	10/13 SE	9/12 SE	10/14 SE	11/17 SE	13/19 SE	13/18 SE	14/19 E	15/20 E
900	8/10 SE	11/13 SE	11/14 SE	12/17 SE	12/18 SE	13/18 SE	12/17 SE	12/17 SE	13/18 SE
600	3/4 SE	5/7 E	5/7 E	6/9 E	8/13 S	11/17 S	11/17 SE	10/14 SE	9/13 SE
300	2/3 N	3/4 E	3/5 SE	4/7 NE	10/17 SE	10/17 SE	8/15 SE	7/14 E	6/10 E
Glen	1/4 N	2/5 SE	2/6 E	4/8 E	7/15 SE	10/18 SE	5/13 SE	4/8 E	4/12 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	5/2	4/1	4/1	5/2	6/2	7/3	7/4	5/2	4/0
900	6/3	6/2	5/2	8/5	10/7	11/8	10/8	7/4	6/2
600	9/9	9/8	9/8	10/9	12/10	13/11	13/11	11/9	10/8
300	11/11	10/10	10/10	12/11	15/13	16/14	15/14	13/12	11/10
Glen	9/9	10/10	10/9	14/14	18/16	18/16	17/16	14/14	12/11
Freezing Level*	1900m	1900m	1900m	1800m	1900m	2000m	2000m	2000m	2000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add.

Forecast for Friday 01 Sep 2023
Weather: Patchy light rain across southern and western ranges dying out with some clear spells developing overnight. A bright day will follow with the best of the sunshine across the hills of Lochaber and Rannoch Moor.

Maximum wind: Easterly 10-15 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%, but 30% at first over theTrossachs.

Low Cloud and visibility: Summits largely clear of cloud, but scattered to broken clouds, base 400-600m will cover the Trossachs at first. Visibilities very good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to17 Celsius.
At 800m: plus 7 rising to12 Celsius
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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